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## NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 15-263

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) and North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) requesting approval for the transfer of certain access lines from Midstate to NDTC. No commenter opposed grant of the application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and, therefore, grants the requested authorization.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Certain Access Lines from Midstate Communications, Inc. to North Dakota Telephone Company, WC Docket No. 15-263, Public Notice, DA 15-1318 (rel. Nov. 16, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd. and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules, File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000828-00530 CCBPol No. 00-1 20001005AD-09 0000209675, et al., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8510-11, paras. 7-9 (Com. Car. Bur./Int'l. Bur./Cable Serv. Bur./Wireless Telecom. Bur. 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent local exchange carriers with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).